



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

DECISION DOCUMENT

ROUND 8 - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

The Secretary of the Interior hereby approves the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee Final Recommendation for Round 8 for all expenditure categories submitted under the current round and available under the SNPLMA, as amended. This decision covers the estimated expenditures and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The total expenditure authorized from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 8 is \$78,946,144, including estimated expenditures of:

Expenditure Category	Round 8	10 Percent Contingency	Adjustment	Total
	Estimated Cost	Additional Funds Requested	Less Excess Funds to be Provided by Budget Reallocation	Budget
Parks, Trails & Natural Areas	\$22,921,407	\$2,292,141	\$0.00	\$25,213,548
Capital Improvements	\$13,737,705	\$1,373,770	\$0.00	\$15,111,475
Conservation Initiatives	\$ 8,733,360	\$873,336	\$0.00	\$ 9,606,696
Land Acquisitions	\$6,419,960	None Requested	(\$2,245,660)	\$ 4,174,300
Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)	\$2,844,567	\$127,920	(\$1,565,367)	\$ 1,407,120
Hazardous Fuels	\$13,275,845	\$1,327,585	\$0.00	\$14,603,430
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Projects (ENLRP)	\$1,663,250	\$166,325	\$0.00	\$ 1,829,575
Category Total	\$69,596,094	\$6,161,077	(\$3,811,027)	\$71,946,144
Special Account Reserve (SAR)	\$ 5,000,000			\$ 5,000,000
Pre-Proposal Planning Fund (PPP)	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 2,000,000
Total Round 8 Expenditures	\$76,596,094	\$6,161,077	(\$3,811,027)	\$78,946,144

A list of projects to be funded through these authorized expenditures is attached (Attachment A).

a. The budget figures include the sum of the estimated costs for projects and an additional 10 percent in all expenditure categories, except for the environmentally sensitive land acquisition category, explained below. The additional 10 percent contingency for each project may be expended to cover the difference between projected and actual costs (if otherwise valid and allowable under the SNPLMA) without further approval of the Executive Committee.

b. The total estimated expenditure for the authorized land acquisitions is \$6,419,960. Authorized, as well, is an additional 10 percent over the total estimated cost per acquisition, to cover the difference between projected and actual costs (if otherwise valid and allowable under the SNPLMA) without further approval of the Executive Committee. This total estimated expenditure will be funded by combining the \$4,174,300 authorized in this round with funds that become available in the land acquisition category from previously approved acquisitions which were either terminated or were acquired at less than the approved estimates.

c. The total estimated expenditure for the authorized Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) projects is \$2,844,567. Authorized, as well, is an additional 10 percent over the total estimated cost per project, to cover the difference between projected and actual costs (if otherwise valid and allowable under the SNPLMA) without further approval of the Executive Committee. This total estimated expenditure will be funded by combining the \$1,407,120 authorized in this round with funds that become available in the MSHCP category from funds not needed to complete prior approved MSHCP projects.

d. The amounts authorized in this Decision Document are in addition to the amounts authorized for each category in previous rounds and will remain available in the same category until expended. After all current projects in a category are fully funded, excess amounts available in the category may be used to help fund shortfalls in other projects within the category by budget reallocation approved by the Executive Committee.

e. Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 8 as set forth in this decision shall not be construed as a final approval for any particular expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

f. For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein shall be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:

- 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued;
- 2) A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or other Federal agency has been fully executed;
- 3) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent, and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan shall set forth a schedule of periodic expenditures reflecting logical phases of the project; and

- 4) The start point for an identified phase and its associated funding start date has been reached.
2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$5,000,000 is authorized for expenditure at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures under the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. All expenditures from the Special Account Reserve (SAR) shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls, as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. This SAR authorized by this decision shall be available during Round 8 only.
 3. The establishment of a Pre-Proposal Planning Fund (PPP) reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$2,000,000 is authorized for expenditure at the discretion of the Executive Committee for the purpose of developing more accurate information regarding projects which will be nominated in future rounds: 1) project scope; 2) detailed cost projections and estimates; and/or 3) preliminary schedules for projects which will be nominated in future rounds. All expenditures from the PPP reserve shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls, as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
 4. Round 7 SAR and PPP authorized expenditures are authorized to be carried-over into the Round 8 SAR and PPP reserves at the following amounts: 1) \$10,000,000 of SAR, and 2) \$5,000,000 PPP. These amounts are in addition to the amounts authorized for SAR and PPP in this round.
 5. The Executive Committee is authorized to reallocate funds between the SAR and the PPP reserve in order to provide for maximum flexibility to fund authorized projects and acquisitions, address emergency or urgent needs, and/or undertake pre-proposal planning efforts to assist with obtaining detailed, complete, feasible, and accurate project nominations. In all cases, expenditures will be in accordance with the SNPLMA and the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.
 6. A "Lake Tahoe Restoration" SAR in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Lake Tahoe Restoration projects is authorized for expenditure at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures authorized by the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. All expenditures from the Lake Tahoe Restoration SAR shall be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls, as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The Lake Tahoe Restoration SAR authorized by this decision shall be available during Round 8 only and is to be funded with Lake Tahoe set-aside funds from the Special Account.

7. Available funding shall be provided first to Conservation Initiative projects. Thereafter, proceeds shall be distributed as they become available in the Special Account among the other expenditure categories in proportion to their share of the total budget, in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, based upon availability of funds, and in accordance with the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.

8. This decision document authorizes expenditures of SNPLMA funds for the development and implementation of the *2007 Lake Tahoe Multi-Jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy*, the *2008 Carson Range Multi-Jurisdictional Fuel Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Strategy* and the *2005 Nevada Community Wildfire Risk/Hazardous Assessment Project for Clark County*. The implementation projects under the hazardous fuels category in Attachment A deriving from these plans are authorized for expenditure.

APPROVED:



DIRK KEMPTHORNE

Feb. 20 2008
Date

ATTACHMENT A

Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105 - 263) Round 8 Final Recommendation

Park, Trail, and Natural Area Projects

Project Name	County	Requesting Entity	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Acquisition of Land for Washoe County Regional Park & Open Space	Washoe	Washoe County	\$10,085,643	\$1,008,564	\$11,094,207
Las Vegas Wash Regional Trail System 1-15 Pedestrian Bridge Project	Clark	North Las Vegas	\$3,400,000	\$340,000	\$3,740,000
Green Valley Flood Control Channel Restoration Project	Clark	Henderson	\$1,497,700	\$149,770	\$1,647,470
NW - SW Equestrian Trails	Clark	Clark County	\$1,200,000	\$120,000	\$1,320,000
Duck Creek Emergency Stabilization Project	Clark	Southern Nevada Water Authority	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$1,100,000
Las Vegas Wash Trailhead Bridge	Clark	Las Vegas	\$2,600,000	\$260,000	\$2,860,000
Nevada Northern Historic Railroad Museum Interpretive Trail	White Pine	White Pine County	\$533,149	\$53,315	\$586,464
White Pine County Parks and Renovation Project	White Pine	White Pine County	\$604,915	\$60,492	\$665,407
CC Wetlands Park Interpretive Facilities	Clark	Clark County	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$2,200,000

Total: \$25,213,548

Capital Improvement Projects

Project Name	County	Requesting Agency	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Hoover Dam Visitor Facilities Safety and Sanitation Enhancements	Clark	BOR	\$1,500,000	\$150,000	\$1,650,000
Administrative Headquarters Facilities	Clark	FWS	\$6,600,000	\$660,000	\$7,260,000
Provide Interpretive Exhibits for Understanding the Great Basin and Enhance Visitor Access to Great Basin National Park	White Pine	NPS	\$4,469,000	\$446,900	\$4,915,900
Mitigation of Safety Hazards at Abandoned Mine Sites	Clark	USFS	\$970,800	\$97,080	\$1,067,880
Sustainable Design Improvements at Red Rock and Logandale Fire Stations	Clark	BLM	\$197,905	\$19,790	\$217,695

Total: \$15,111,475

Conservation Initiative Projects

Project Name	County	Requesting Agency	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Evaluation of Basin -Fill Aquifers in Southern Spring and Snake Valleys and their Connection with Surface - Water Resources and with the Regional Carbonate -Rock Aquifer	White Pine	BLM, FWS, NPS, & USFS	\$2,131,000	\$213,100	\$2,344,100
Restore Natural Processes and Cave Floor in Lehman Cave	White Pine	NPS	\$233,850	\$23,385	\$257,235
Environmentally Responsible Closure of Abandoned Mine Safety Hazards in White Pine County	White Pine	BLM - Ely	\$1,988,967	\$198,897	\$2,187,864
Fire History, Fire Effects, and Postfire Seeding in Southern Nevada: Compilation of Fire Histories and Evaluation of Past and Future Fires and Seeding Treatments	Clark & Lincoln	BLM-Ely, NPS & FWS	\$1,014,008	\$101,401	\$1,115,409
Growth and Survival of Moapa Dace in the Muddy River System: Response to Variable Temperatures, Flows, and Habitat Changes	Clark	FWS	\$595,480	\$59,548	\$655,028
Re-Commission Historic Fort Ruby	White Pine	FWS & USFS	\$314,600	\$31,460	\$346,060
Ely Ranger District Wildmeads Implementation Phase I	White Pine	USFS	\$264,500	\$26,450	\$290,950
Relict Dace Habitat Restoration Project	White Pine	FWS	\$363,061	\$36,306	\$399,367
Resource Protection (Law Enforcement), White Pine County	White Pine	BLM-Ely, NPS, USFS	\$1,427,894	\$142,789	\$1,570,683
Spring Mountain Butterfly Life History and Autecology Studies	Clark	USFS	\$400,000	\$40,000	\$440,000

Total: \$9,806,696

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Acquisition of Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Interests in Land

Property Name	County	Acquiring Agency	Requested Funding from Round 8 Projected Revenue			BRA Funding Authorization Requested		
			Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended	Acquisition Funding	10% Contingency	Total BRA
High Rock (1282.85 acres, Washoe County)	Washoe	BLM-WFO	\$2,611,700	\$0	\$2,611,700		\$261,170	\$261,170
Lady of the Snows (28.87 acres; Clark County) SOLD-WITHDRAWN	Clark	USFS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grapevine Springs (40 acres; Nye County)	Nye	BLM-LVFO	\$1,023,700	\$0	\$1,023,700	\$0	\$102,370	\$102,370
Green Gulch (650 acres; Washoe County)	Washoe	BLM-CCFO	\$538,900	\$0	\$538,900	\$278,100	\$81,500	\$357,600
Clear Creek Property (137.07; Carson City County)	Carson City	USFS	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$1,256,600	\$125,660	\$1,382,260
Indian Creek Ranch (240 acres, White Pine County)	White Pine	BLM-ELFO	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$712,980	\$71,298	\$784,258
TOTAL:					\$4,174,300	\$2,245,680	\$641,996	\$2,887,656

Clark County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)

Project Name	County	Requesting Entity	Requested Funding from Round 8 Projected Revenue			BRA Funding Authorization Requested		
			Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Requested	Project Funding	10% Contingency	Total BRA
Road Designation and Monitoring	Clark	Clark County				\$223,081	\$22,308	\$245,367
Amendment to the Clark County MSHCP and Incidental Take Permit	Clark	Clark County	\$1,279,200	\$127,920	\$1,407,120			
Desert Tortoise Monitoring, FY 2009	Clark	FWS				\$1,200,000	\$120,000	\$1,320,000
TOTAL:					\$1,407,120			\$1,565,367

Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Projects

Project Name	County	Requesting Entity	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Upper Washoe Hazardous Fuels Reduction Implementation Project	Washoe, NV	USFS, HT	\$775,800	\$77,580	\$853,380
South Shore Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration	El Dorado, CA	USFS, LTBMU	\$2,450,000	\$245,000	\$2,695,000
Lake Tahoe Basin Integrated Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program	Placer & El Dorado, CA; Washoe & Douglas NV	NV Fire Safe Council	\$4,000,000	\$400,000	\$4,400,000
Clear Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Planning Project	Carson City & Douglas County, NV	USFS, HT	\$83,500	\$8,350	\$91,850
Basin-Wide Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration in Support of Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Placer & El Dorado, CA; Washoe & Douglas NV	USFS, LTBMU	\$1,600,000	\$160,000	\$1,760,000
State of NV Urban Lot Fuel Reduction Proposal	Washoe & Douglas, NV	Division of State Lands & NV Tahoe Resource Team	\$305,000	\$30,500	\$335,500
Wildfire Threat Reduction for Areas and Communities at Extreme or High Levels of Risk and Hazard Located in the Carson Range	Washoe & Douglas, NV	NV Fire Safe Council	\$1,700,000	\$170,000	\$1,870,000
Van Sickle Fuel Reduction Project	Douglas, NV	Division of State Lands & NV Tahoe Resource Team	\$406,800	\$40,680	\$447,480

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Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Projects (Cont'd.)

Project Name	County	Requesting Entity	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Biological Control and Hazardous Fuels Reduction on Lands Adjacent to private property within the Carson City Coordinated Municipality	Carson City, NV	Dept of Parks and Recreation, Carson City	\$397,685	\$39,769	\$437,454
Wildfire Threat Reduction for Areas and Communities at Extreme or High Levels of Risk and Hazard located at Spring Mt. Range	Clark, NV	NV Fire Safe Council	\$210,900	\$21,090	\$231,990
Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park - East Side Spooner Summit Watershed Fuel Break	Douglas, NV	Nevada State Parks and NDF	\$101,370	\$10,137	\$111,507
Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park - Franktown Creek Watershed Fuel Break	Washoe, NV	NDF and Nevada State Parks	\$329,540	\$32,954	\$362,494
Jacks Valley Hazardous Fuels Reduction Planning and Implementation Project	Douglas, NV	USFS, HT	\$395,250	\$39,525	\$434,775
West and North Shore Fuel Reduction Programs	El Dorado & Placer, CA	California Tahoe Conservancy	\$520,000	\$52,000	\$572,000

Total:

\$14,803,430

Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project

Project Name	County	Requesting Entity	Funding Recommended	10% Contingency	Total Recommended
Steptoe Valley Weed Inventory, Education and Treatment	White Pine	BLM & USFS	\$790,000	\$79,000	\$869,000
White Pine Sagebrush Restoration Project	White Pine	USFS	\$814,900	\$81,490	\$896,390
Conifer Removal in Aspen Stands on Ward Mountain	White Pine	USFS	\$58,350	\$5,835	\$64,185

Total:

\$1,829,575

Total Request for Round 8 Projects

\$71,946,144.00

Round 8 SAR Request

\$5,000,000.00

Round 8 PPP Request

\$2,000,000.00

TOTAL ROUND 8 BUDGET REQUEST

\$78,946,144